



Chaos in training...

An HHC, 4/64 Armor, medic rushes to load a civilian “casualty” for evacuation at JRTC. See Page 11A for the full story.

The people have spoken ...

Stewart holds quarterly town hall meeting Nov. 4

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
50th PAD

Fort Stewart held the quarterly town hall meeting Nov. 4 at Club Stewart.

Col. John M. Kidd, garrison commander, began the meeting by thanking the audience for coming out and explaining that several units are in the field ramping up for the upcoming deployment.

Kidd's first order of business was to discuss schools.

They are trying to coordinate with the schools to create a policy that children will not be penalized for taking time off that corresponds with their parents block leave, Kidd said.

The children will also be given an opportunity to make up exams.

Afterwards, Kidd discussed what was going to happen on post while the 3rd Infantry Division is deployed.

“While the division is gone a number of changes will occur on the

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Multinational forces continue to push through Fallujah

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — Artillery rounds pounded insurgent positions in Fallujah, Iraq, through much of the night, and multinational forces have pushed their way through a third of the city, officials reported.

“Compared to last week, we see very, very few people in the city,” a U.S. Marine official said. “We are advancing as planned, and we’re being met with light resistance. The area is definitely a complex area because of all of the buildings.”

At the direction of the interim Iraqi Government, Iraqi and multinational forces have controlled

movement in and out of the city. The combined forces also moved to occupy key locations to the south and west of Fallujah, supported by Multinational Force Iraq ground forces, armor, artillery, close air support and air strikes.

In other news from Iraq, two Task Force Olympia soldiers were killed today after a mortar attack on a Multinational Force base in Mosul.

A civilian contractor was wounded in the attack, which happened at about 10 a.m. Iraq time.

A separate attack late Nov. 8 killed six people when a car bomb blew up outside the Yarmouk

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The Rocky makeover ... 3ID mascot receives facelift for deployment

Pfc. Ricardo Branch
Associate Editor

With the 3rd Infantry Division's preparation for the return to Iraq, the symbol of the Marne Division, “Rocky” has been undergoing a long overhaul to make him tough and ready to leave with the division.

Lohrs Mainship was approached by representatives from 3rd Inf. Div. with a desire to have the mascot repaired and strengthened for the deployment.

“Basically we’re making Rocky combat ready,” said Ernest D. Alto, general manager of Louhrs Mainship.

Beginning in the middle of October, Rocky was delivered to Louhrs Mainship, a Midway boat construction company, in the hopes of making him strong enough to survive a trip to the Middle East.

“With all that Soldiers have done to protect us, we felt this project was a good opportunity to show some small token of appreciation for what the Soldiers do,” said retired Chief Warrant Officer Calvin VanBeverhude, production manager.

The process to strengthen Rocky began with five dedicated employees, who received a fiberglass copy of the statue in Marne Garden.

All the cracks and breaks in the copy were found and put back into shape with a powder substance that “scuffs” the surface to allow additional layers of fiberglass to bond with the statue, said James Bailey, lamination supervisor.

Then the long hours of labor on Rocky began.

“With the substance applied to make the statue bond with fiberglass, more layers can now be applied,” VanBeverhude said.

Phillip Howe, assembly supervisor and Kurt Morgan, breezeway supervisor, came in for the next stage of Rocky's strengthening.

“We began applying layers upon layers of fiberglass onto the statue,” Morgan said.

Then a high-powered air spray was used to roll the air out and strengthen the applied fiberglass layers, Morgan said.

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Ernest D. Alto, Louhrs Mainship general manager, rubs a powder substance on Rocky to allow fiberglass to bond with the statue at the Louhrs Mainship warehouse Nov. 2. Rocky is being prepared for his return to Iraq.

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Tuskers show off for business execs



Photos by Spc. Ben Brody

A Bradley from 1/64 Armor roars to a fighting position at MPRC during a demonstration for Business Executives for National Security members Nov. 4.

Soldiers test brand new counter-sniper weapon

Spc. Ben Brody

2nd Brigade PAO

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment lit up Fort Stewart's Multi Purpose Range Complex with a barrage of live rounds during a demonstration for members of Business Executives for National Security Nov. 4.

Tuskers also set up static displays of their vehicles, weapons and body armor for the group, which lobbies for the military community from all around the country.

After a lunch of Meals, Ready to Eat with Soldiers and a question and answer session with 1/64 commander Lt. Col. Kevin Farrell, a line of M1A1 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradleys sped up to MPRC's berms and unleashed a torrent of fire on targets downrange.

Shock and awe were not the only reasons to carry out such a visually intense exercise – the unit also wanted to show off some new weapons systems, according to Staff Sgt. James Bryce, B Company acting platoon sergeant and sniper.

"We've got an awesome new counter sniper system on the Abrams," Bryce said. "We mount a M2 .50 caliber machine gun on top of the main gun, and key it in to the tank's ballistics computer, which results in incredibly precise fire. It can hit a pumpkin at 2,500 meters."

Tankers will be able to use the system to engage snipers without causing excessive collateral damage by using the main gun, but at the same time remaining protected inside the tank. The battalion is the first in the Army to field the system, according to Sgt 1st Class Joseph Onove, battalion tank master gunner.

The unit's more traditional sniper section drew attention

at the static displays, with four members wearing ghille suits, standing behind a formidable array of sniper rifles.

"Being a good sniper is about much more than good shooting – it's all in your mental approach," explained Sgt. Terry Blogg.

"You've got to think outside the box, like 'I'm going to set up in this trash heap, so I'm going to cover myself in trash, maybe tie a dead animal to my leg' – that kind of thing," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Duquette.

"Insanity's a big plus too," Bryce added.

Wearing suits, ties and earplugs, the business leaders, many of them former military personnel, mingled with Soldiers and shared stories.

Dante Stephensen, a former Navy SEAL who now runs a jazz club in Atlanta, said he enjoyed the demonstration.

"We're mostly ex-military folks who want to advocate for Soldiers when they need it, whether it be getting new body armor or helping towns that have recently lost a military base," Stephensen said. "The gear you guys got today, I tell ya. You look like Buck Rogers in the new stuff."

After the live fire, Onove thanked the members of BENS for coming out for the demonstration.

"At this point, normally we wouldn't get to fire again before we deploy – we're ready to just put our stuff on the boat and go," Onove said. "Thanks for giving us the opportunity to get out and shoot one more time."

"It's great to be able to showcase our outstanding Soldiers and (noncommissioned officers) for this group of influential Americans," Farrell said. "We've had excellent training to get us to this point."



(Above) Staff Sgt. James Bryce and Sgt. Miguel Antia show BENS member Conrad Busch various kinds of .50 caliber ammunition. BENS is a nationwide organization that lobbies for the military community. (Below) 2nd Bde. Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Berhane speaks with BENS member Dante Stephensen at MPRC Nov. 4.



A target at MPRC smokes as a Bradley's 25mm chaingun peppers it with rounds.



Staff Sgt. Kevin Duquette and Sgt. Terry Blogg, members of A Co. 1/64's sniper section, explain their role to BENS members Nov. 4.

Soldiers learn to break for certification

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

1st Bde.

Urban combat and the possibility of up close personal encounters with enemy combatants has prompted 1st Brigade to certify trainers in a special type of combatives.

“We hired a special operations combatives trainer Ron Don Vito from Fayetteville, N.C. to come and certify a group of Soldiers here,” said Maj. Kevin Kearn, the 3rd Brigade Troops Battalion executive officer.

Don Vito invented a special type of combative, called linear in-fighting neuro-over-ride engagement system. This is a type of combative taught to special forces soldiers for use in combat.

“The object of this is blunt trauma,” Don Vito said. “You definitely want to cause pain and get back to your feet.”

“If they pass this last phase, they will be certified trainers.”

Soldiers have been training for close to a month, either arriving early in the morning or in the evening to become certified. The last phase of the training, called the swarm, took place Friday, Kearn said.

“One Soldier is going to stand in the middle of a circle of 16 attackers,” said Maj. Kelly Donna, 1st Bde. Aviation Element. If the defender fails to fend off all the attackers using the appropriate moves, the swarm starts over. Even if the person is down to the

last attacker, he must perform all the kill moves correctly. There are two ways to get out of the swarm without winning; to get choked unconscious or quit and fail the course.”

LINES combatives involves causing as much pain and damage as possible to an attacker to put a defender back into a position of control. The idea is that a Soldier in combat will usually be facing more than one attacker. The last place a Soldier wants to be in that type of situation is on the ground, where he can be overwhelmed.

Ground fighting is one aspect of close combat, but it is only one aspect,” Don Vito said. “Most encounters for military personnel in combat is a situation where they are outnumbered. In those situations, mobility is your greatest asset. If you drop to the ground, you lose mobility. Ground fighting is only to get a Soldier back to his feet, because that is where we do our best fighting.”

Those who passed the certification course have the option of attending an advanced trainers course, which will last another month. The course should end around Thanksgiving, Donna said.

Our leaders are busy preparing for the deployment,” Kearn said. “People are really busy packing up getting ready to go to Iraq. These people have come out here on their own time. They are here because they want to be here.”



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

1st Bde. Soldiers wrestle it out during a certification course Friday.

Family day fun for all ages

Parents, children in EDIS program come to ‘join the safari’

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Associate Editor

A family day was held Nov. 5 at Winn Army Community Hospital to give families a chance to relax and have fun.

“We do this to invite the families in to relax and have an enjoyable time, and to meet some of the people helping care for their children,” said Velma M. Tyler, Educational Development Intervention Services supervisor.

The fun day was hosted for children in the EDIS program and included fun for all ages. Parents came to spend time with their children and the healthcare professionals present.

The theme of family day was “Come join the safari.” The

children made necklaces, drew pictures and colored animals, and got to participate in an obstacle course.

The setting for family day provided quite a turnout, as at any given time the EDIS room was filled with children scampering about with drawings in their hands and dashing through the tunnel set up in the room.

“We wanted to set a side a day just for the kids, which we try do at this time every year,” Tyler said. “Today is that day, it’s their day.”

The EDIS program helps families who have questions and concerns about their children’s development.

The service coordinators of the program work with the parents to identify the services and

resources needed to make the most of their children’s strengths and abilities.

They can also help develop a child’s growth that has been affected by premature or traumatic birth, serious or chronic illness, or disability.

With providers on site to support and assist families in providing their children with opportunities for optimal development, the program can help just about anyone, Tyler said.

“We focus on early intervention for all families on Fort Stewart,” she said. “For those families living off post, they go to ‘Babies Can’t Wait,’ a Georgia program that offers the same opportunities and services for parents wanting to help their child’s development.”



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Tyler Maxwell, 2, crawls through an obstacle course tube at the EDIS family day Nov. 5.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Veterans have been life blood for patriotism for 200 years

In 1834, the American patriot, Daniel Webster, told the United States Senate: "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

Fortunately for America, for more than 200 years our nation always has been blessed with patriots who believed as Webster did, and who have proudly stepped forward — ready to fight and, if necessary, to die to ensure that liberty is defended.

We have a name for these patriots — we call

them veterans. And, in their honor, America has set aside a special day each year — a day to recognize their courage and their commitment to our country, and to tell them once again of our deep appreciation for their dedicated service.

Through every conflict, in every era, they have battled tyrannies of every kind. While the names of those tyrannies have changed — from fas-



Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld

cism to Nazism to communism — the nature of dangers they posed to peace and freedom have all been serious.

Today freedom is again threatened — this time by a new tyranny, the

tyranny of extremism — of terrorism. And, again, patriots have stepped forward. They are there — in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and wherever our liberty is at

risk — guarding freedom, and bringing hope to millions who once lived in fear.

To those on guard today, and to the veterans of every war on whose shoulders they stand — the living, the departed, and the missing — you have our deepest gratitude for your service and your sacrifice.

May God bless you all. And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Pause to honor, thank our veterans

This Veterans Day we pause to honor and thank our veterans, past and present - those who have served and those who are serving today around the world advancing freedom and the cause of liberty.

Since the colonial Minutemen first stood shoulder-to-shoulder, countless Americans have answered our Nation's call to serve and defend liberty. They are true heroes. In the past century alone, they fixed bayonets at the Battle of the Marne, they stormed the beaches at Normandy and Omaha, assaulted Heartbreak Ridge, patrolled the Ia Drang Valley and stared down our adversaries on the plains of Europe. They stood as shining examples of ordinary citizens doing the extraordinary to defend a grateful Nation.

Like those who wore the uniform before them, today's Armed Forces continue this proud legacy.

At this very moment, American Service men and women - Active and Reserve - from every walk of life and from every ethnic, religious and racial background, serve in harm's way. From the mountains in Afghanistan to the sands of Iraq, from the jungles of Colombia to the shores of the Philippines, they are giving hope to millions that liberty,



Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers

justice and a lasting peace are within their reach.

Today, the proud men and women of our Armed Forces are once again engaged in a global struggle against those who threaten our way of life. At every turn, they demonstrate our firm resolve and serve notice to terrorists that we will succeed. We are proud of their commitment, dedication and accomplishments.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I thank our veterans for their selfless service and for ensuring the continued security of our Nation.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Lane Down Range

Use time wisely before you deploy

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
1st Bde.

There are so many important things we have to get done before we deploy. Things like wills, powers of attorney, shots and extra gear issue are all important. But in the last few weeks I have been trying to take care of something that to me is more important than anything.

I have been trying to see every member of my family. I have so many people I love and want to be around before I am gone for a year or more. There are things I have said and done in my past that I am not too proud of and I am trying to make amends.

None of my past is criminal, but there were things said that I wish I could take back and people I have ignored because I was too busy. You know the people I'm talking about. The ones that cross your mind every once in a while but you never have a chance to call.

There is a possibility that you may not come back from this deployment. If this is the last time you will see certain people, how do you want to be remembered?

Now is the time to grab the people you love and spend as much quality time with them as you can. Even if you are dead tired after work, don't waste precious time in front of the tube watching mindless babble when you could be taking a walk with your kids. Get on the horn with your grandmother or an aunt you haven't had the time to talk to. All the people who love you will be sad if you don't come back. Now is the time to express how you feel before you are too far away to embrace the ones you love.

Many of us have children that don't live with us. It is hard enough being away from them while you are in the country, but it will be harder when you are gone. Maybe some of us don't call our kids as much as we want because we don't get along with their parent. I think in this short time before we go, we can swallow pride and not be selfish. Your kids don't care, they just want

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to talk to you. If you have to endure a little abuse to get some time alone with them, I know it will be worth it.

I have this sort of mental list of people I want to visit. I want to see and spend quality time with so many people. I am giving up necessities like beer or club hopping for a little while so I can have the money to be around my family. When the sierra hits the fan, I can almost guarantee things you will think about will be the quality time you spent with cousin Joe, not what happened on River Street one weekend.

Believe me, there will be plenty of time to hang around with the guys and play grab alpha while you are in theater. Take a break from sitting in front of the barracks and make a road trip or a phone call.

If you have to make amends, there is still a lot of time left. Whether you believe in what we are doing or not, our time is close. Make room for

those you are close to. Let your wife be right (as hard as that may be for some of us) if it will mean you can have something to remember her by while you are gone. No matter how mad she may make you at times, you will miss her like crazy and wonder what she is doing soon after you are gone.

Forgive and try to be forgiven. Years of not speaking can sometimes be resolved with a simple phone call. Don't go to war with a bag of regrets. If you are right in your heart when you leave, you will have an easier time focusing on the mission.

I guess what I am really trying to say is that people die far away from home and the people that really knew them remembered them as cruel and selfish. I want to be a better person. Although there is not much time left, your efforts could be rewarded if you really try to be the best person you can.

I have really tried to sit down and listen to all the stories my elders have. Some of them may not be here when I get back. I want to have my time with them. I think all of us will benefit from that time.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

"What do you plan to do with your family before deploying?"

"My family will either visit me here, or I'll call them and have a nice talk on the phone."

Pfc. Patricia Contreras
3rd FSB
Wheel Mechanic

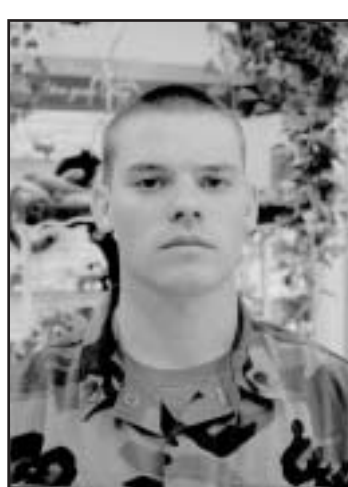


"I'm taking my family back to Texas because with the division gone there's not much for families here."

Claudia Stack
Military Spouse

"Spend time with the family and make sure they are prepared for deployment as much as I am."

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Davis
B Co., 7/11 Signal



"Call home over the holidays to my parents."

Spc. Dakotah Gooding
C Co., 5/7 Cav.

"I'm going to spend as much time with my daughter as possible."

Sgt. Earnest Simpson
C Btry. 1/39 FA



"I'm moving them back to Colorado Springs because with the division gone they'll be closer to home in Colorado."

Staff Sgt. Chad Williard
D Co., 26 FSB

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Spc. Robert Adams

Lt. Col. Samuel Mansberger, 3rd Military Police Battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Kirkland, 3rd MP Bn. command sergeant major, cut the ribbon to open the doors to the battalion’s new headquarters.

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installation,” he said. “Organizations will move in order to renovate buildings. In January, the gates will be finished. “

They will also be changing some roads and making turn lanes to help smooth out the traffic, Kidd added.

Panel representatives were from AAFES, the commissary, GMH Military Housing, Department of Public Works, chaplain’s office, dental command, medical command, staff judge advocate office, Department of Public Safety and Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Archie Nelson, GMH, announced a ribbon cutting ceremony at Liberty Woods Nov. 17 that all residents and people on Stewart are welcome to attend.

There will be food and a model home to walk through, Nelson said. Afterwards, there will be 30 houses built every month.

“They are really fine houses,” Kidd said. “These houses will be standard at every

station.”

After the panel members were given a chance to give information out to the audience, the panel received questions from the audience.

Multiple audience members brought up the subject of their houses. They discussed the problems with mold and health issues resulting from it.

Nelson responded that the homes are fairly old and this location is a very humid one and susceptible to the growing of mold.

“We are working to alleviate the issue but it is going to take some time,” he added “Good housekeeping goes a long way.”

The new homes use mold preventive techniques, Nelson said.

Other topics that were discussed were vandalism of property, animal safety and speeding on post.

The next town hall meeting will held in February.



Sgt. 1st Class Johancharles Van Boers

Sgt. Mathew H. Lowry verifies the round as Spc. John L. Jackson loads the round into their M109A6 Howitzer during combat operation in Fallujah, Iraq, Nov. 6, 2004, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both Soldiers are assigned to A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 83rd Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

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Hospital in south central Baghdad. Five of those killed were Iraqi police, and the other was an Iraqi civilian, officials said. As many as 26 Iraqi civilians were wounded.

The attack on the hospital followed two earlier car-bomb blasts in the area. Victims of the first two attacks were being treated at the Yarmouk Hospital when the third car bomb detonated.

“The terrorist clearly designed this attack to kill as many civilians as possible,” said Lt. Col. James Hutton, the chief spokesman for the 1st Cavalry Division. “He has no concern for the life at that hospital, just as he has no respect for the future of Iraq.” No multinational forces were injured or killed in this attack.

In the last 24 hours, the multinational forces conducted more than 1,700 patrols and missions, including 185 joint offensive operations with Iraqi security forces aimed at killing or capturing high-value targets and denying insurgents a safe-haven, military officials said in a written statement.

Humanitarian and civil military operations to improve infrastructure in many cities and regions also are continuing, the statement said. In the northern part of Thawra, reconstruction work there put more than 8,000 people back to work.

In other news, soldiers from 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), killed one person and detained another after the unit was attacked with small-arms fire. While conducting a search for roadside bombs in southern Mosul, soldiers from the 73rd Engineer Battalion were shot at from a vehicle. The soldiers quickly engaged the attackers, killing one and detaining the other. No soldiers were injured during the incident.

Elsewhere, military officials reported that eight Iraqi police officers were wounded when anti-Iraqi forces attacked two police stations in Baqubah. Iraqi police officers fended off both attacks and maintained control of their stations. The 1st Inf. Div. dispatched a quick reaction force to assist.

ROCKY

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“Next, we used a grinder to smooth the layers of fiberglass and grind out the last bit of air in the layers,” VanBeverhuds said.

Rocky now sits in a large construction warehouse awaiting his final stage to become combat ready.

With 80 hours of labor already put into the statue, the symbol of 3rd Inf. Div. has already started to leave his mark on the people working on him, but in a good way.

“I’ve heard stories of what Rocky means to the troops, and I’m honored to help work on their symbol,” Morgan said. “It’s something that makes you proud to be able to work on a project for the Soldiers and for what they do for us.”



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Key to defeating mold — moisture control

Nancy Gould
DCAS

There are many measures that can be taken to control and prevent mold growth in the barracks and in homes. The key to mold control is moisture control. The recommended thermostat heating/cooling temperature range should be maintained between 68 to 78 degrees. Ensure A/C and heat filters are installed and changed a minimum of every 30 days. (In accordance with PM-RUSH scheduled maintenance appointments). Doors and windows should remain closed when heating/cooling system is in use. No wet TA-50, etc. stored in closets or carpeted areas. It is important to dry water-damaged areas and items within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth.

Avoid hot showers that cause excessive condensation in rooms. Wipe down walls, ceilings, and floors after showers. Rooms should be inspected weekly when deployment, vacations, etc. occur for mold formation. If mold growth occurs and is minimal, perform the following: Thoroughly clean all affected areas using a warm solution of soapy water. Use dehumidifiers, which may be obtained from DPW, Logistics Office, Diane Crapps, at 767- 5989. Units must be maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications outlined in the owner's manual: Dehumidifier Use & Care Guide, to be effective. Repair and utilities personnel will take several steps if mold growth is excessive. R&U will call in a service order stating the mold prob-

lem and request the ventilation systems be checked. R&U should identify all effected rooms and modules to the service order desk. R&U should be the point of contact for the service call and ensure all required persons will be available to support the service call. If ventilation systems have checked out satisfactorily and contract cleaning of the rooms has been authorized, perform the following: R&U will assure all required persons are available to support cleaning operations. R&U will assure all extraneous materials, clothes, etc. have been removed and all affected areas to be cleaned are easily accessible to cleaning contractors. R&U will assure all locked areas, such as TA-50 closets are open and all extraneous materials have been removed for cleaning.

Unlimited commissary benefits for RC families hits 1-year mark

Bonnie Powell
DeCa

FORT LEE, Va. — November is a time of “thanksgiving” for Americans. It’s also the first anniversary of unlimited commissary shopping for Guard and Reserve families. Prior to November 2003, Guard and Reserve members were only authorized 24 commissary shopping days per year. With the signing of the 2004 Defense Authorization Act last fall, members of the Guard and Reserve, authorized family members, and “gray area” retirees (those under the age of 60) were granted unlimited commissary shopping privileges. Put simply, they can do their holiday shopping at the commissary, and all their food shopping, without worrying about stocking up all at once or planning extensively for shopping trips. “Just as Reserve and Guard families serve their country with pride, we’re proud to serve them by providing groceries at

cost,” said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for DeCA. “Guard and Reserve families are discovering that average commissary savings of 30 percent or more can help their grocery budgets and now they don’t have to ‘budget’ their visits. Whether it’s a cart full of groceries or just a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, they can stop by anytime they wish.” “Even now, we’re still working to make sure all Guard and Reserve families are aware of their extended benefit,” continued Nixon. “A family of four living near a commissary can save about \$2,700 annually by shopping regularly.”



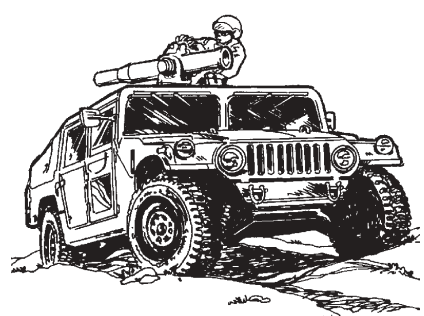
Unlimited shopping privileges also eliminated the additional costs involved with producing and administering the pink Commissary Privilege Cards, which were initialed by commissary employees whenever Guard and Reserve personnel shopped. DeCA is also exploring online shopping and pre-sold truckloads that may help bring the commissary benefit to units located far away from a commissary. To find out more about commissary shopping and who is authorized, check out the FAQs link in the upper right corner of the home page at <http://www.commissaries.com>.



DeCA Photo

Reserve and Guard Soldiers and their families have been able to share in the savings at the commissary for the past year.

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A Soldier in C Trp., 6th Squadron, 8th Cav., plans his team's movement as they clear a hostile building during patrol training at JRTC.

Unit experiences new types of training for OIF3

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4th Bde.

FORT POLK, La. — C Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment combined cordon and search training with patrol training Nov. 3 at the village of Wadi al Tarif at Fort Polk, La.

"The training is designed to prepare us as much as possible for when we get to Iraq," said Spc. Kyle Vanderschoor, a scout with the unit. "There is as much realism involved without anybody being injured. All the things we are going to have to deal with, unruly crowds, IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and gunfire are simulated here."

During the initial briefing, the Soldiers were told that there were Anti-Iraqi Forces in some of the buildings within the city. The unit brought along a female search team to assist with any women that might have to be checked for weapons or sensitive items.

"It was a new experience for me," said Sgt. Alicia Sivelle, a food service specialist with Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 703rd Forward Support Battalion. "I've had some classes on how to carry out a search, but this was the first time I've had the opportunity to use my training in a combat training environment."

To begin the training scenario, the unit's Bradley Fighting Vehicles led the convoy towards the city. At the outskirts, the Bradleys stopped to let some of the troops dismount and swing around the edge of the city to make sure there were no AIFs trying to sneak up behind them.

The unit's goal was to move a squad on either side of the city, clearing each house on their side of the street. They were checking for the insurgents as well as weapons caches.

"We have to make sure that we are communicating with each other as we go through the rooms," Vanderschoor said. "It helps us work and think like a team, which is key."

As the Soldiers attempted to move through the village, a mob of people followed them around, incensed that their way of life was being interrupted. At one

point during the exercise, one of the Bradleys used diesel smoke to help disperse the crowd.

"We practiced working in cooperation with the Iraqi police forces," Vanderschoor said. "They helped us gain intelligence as to where the insurgents could be found before we entered the village, and detained the members of the crowd that were getting really out of hand."

This was the first time the Soldiers had a chance to work with other agencies, and one of the first major training opportunities to train together in a setting such as the Joint Readiness Training Center.

"We just had our four-month anniversary," Vanderschoor said. "Considering that, we did really well. I've already seen a dramatic rise in our effectiveness since we first started training at JRTC."

"I really enjoyed the training," Sivelle said. "Any new training is going to help, and I plan on taking what I have learned here and sharing it with the Soldiers back in my unit."

Medics scour lanes for injuries, apply aid

Soldiers at JRTC face difficult simulations to prepare them for missions in Iraq

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FORT POLK, La. — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 64 Armored medics knew some things on their way into the city of Al Chittar Oct. 31.

They knew that 45 Iraqis called the city home. They knew that a unit had gone ahead of them into the city to perform a cordon and search. A Co., had sustained five casualties in the ensuing battle and required treatment and evacuation for those Soldiers.

There was a threat of Anti-Iraqi Forces along the route to the city and in the city itself. There was also a threat of small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. As the medics drove down the road towards the city, they were a little nervous. It wasn't because they were worried about attack — their security force had the training to protect them.

Rather, they did not know how the village's inhabitants would treat them or if they would be faced with additional casualties. They knew this was as close to the real thing as they were going to get without setting foot in the Middle East — without leaving the confines of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

The medics dismounted from their vehicles, grabbed their supplies, threw their weapons over their shoulders and headed towards the melee that faced them in Al Chittar.

What they did not know from their briefing was that the casualties they had to treat were Iraqi civilians, not Soldiers. The inhabitants of the village congregated near the road in order to make sure their friends and loved ones would receive medical attention.

The first casualty was a teenage male with a head wound. He was bandaged and carried toward one of the military vehicles as the rest of the medics turned their attention toward the other casualties.

The village's inhabitants vied for the Soldier's attention as the medics attempted to discern what injuries needed immediate attention and what could be treated at the field hospital.

Some of the Iraqis made the medics' lives difficult by asking for water and food, distracting their attention from those who needed aid the most. One of the wrinkles that had been added to the training was that Iraqi translators traveled with the medics to assist with the language barrier between the Soldiers



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Medics assigned to HHC, 4/64 Armor treat civilian casualties during medical trauma lane training Oct. 31 at JRTC.

and the village inhabitants. Even if the role players were English speakers, the medics could only communicate with them if a translator was present.

Among other casualties the medics treated was a man with both legs severed in an explosion. There were also simulated artillery attacks to which the medics had to respond.

Observer controllers also followed the medics as they treated various wounds, noting what they needed to improve and what they needed to sustain.

"There was a lot of unexpected stuff we had to deal with," said Staff Sgt. Jay

Lloyd, a platoon sergeant with HHC 4/64.

"The environment was far different than what we usually train in. The civilian population coupled with the language barrier made it difficult for us to perform our mission. We had to get the point across that we were there to help the people without offending them," he said.

"It's no longer a linear battlefield," Lloyd continued. "Normally, the casualties are brought in from the front line and we treat them and then move them to the field hospital. In this scenario, we had to treat the casualties and load

them up for evacuation as fast as possible. The civilians running around and messing with our stuff added to the chaos as well."

"The realism of the wounds the medics had to deal with and the confusion the civilian role players brought to the scenario really stressed out the medics," said Capt. Edward Ballanco, HHC 4/64, company commander.

When the Soldiers deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, most of the missions they will be called on to complete will not be as difficult as the training they went through at JRTC, Lloyd said.

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Army Reserve striving to boost recruiting, retention

Gary Sheftick

Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — The third and probably last class of the Afghan Recruiting Academy walked across the stage Oct. 31 as 93 new recruiters received their graduation certificates.

During the ceremony, the commander of the Afghan National Army Recruiting Command, Maj. Gen. Aziz Rahman, congratulated and challenged the group.

“You are the best selected officers of the ANA, and you have to recruit the best soldiers for the ANA,” Rahman said.

There are now 17,000 soldiers in the ANA, representing every ethnicity and province. Currently, the recruiting rate will meet the Bonn

II treaty goal of 70,000 soldiers four years earlier than the original date of 2011, according to ANA officials.

With this class adding to the numbers, there are now 263 recruiters. They will be assigned to the 19 existing National Army Volunteer Centers across the nation. Eventually they will man 35 such centers, one in every province of Afghanistan, except for Kabul Province, which will have two.

With the addition of about 50 civilian positions, the goal of filling the ANA Recruiting Command’s 327 slots is almost complete. The Afghan trainers will train the last few recruiters on a one-on-one basis.

After the second graduating class, the average number of qual-

ified military applicants increased from 695 every three weeks to 1,737 every three weeks. That rate is expected to climb once the new class receives their assignment orders, ANA officials said.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Craig P. Weston, chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan, challenged the new recruiters to deliver enough high quality recruits every two weeks to start a new kandak (battalion) of 850 soldiers at the Kabul Military Training Center.

“I am confident you will be able to satisfy this need because you attended and graduated from this course of instruction,” said Weston. “Only the best officers graduate from this academy.”

Master Sgt. Tracy L. Cutler and Sgt. 1st Class Kirk, Army recruiters, and a team of U.S. military personnel, worked with the Afghans and in nine months completely wrote the doctrine, strategy, policies and procedures, trained the original group of Afghan officers, and conducted three recruiting academy classes.

The normal time frame for organizing a multi-level course of this magnitude typically takes 18 to 24 months.

The program put in place by the team will be able to sustain a flow of 1,200 to 2,000 new soldiers into the ANA from across Afghanistan, said ANA officials.

Both Weston and Cutler emphasized the importance of filling the ranks of the ANA with a

cross section of Afghans.

“Your recruiting efforts will truly open the door to opportunity for the young men of Afghanistan, the opportunity to serve the many peoples of the new Afghanistan,” said Weston.

Cutler added, “You have gone far in creating an Army that truly represents and has the face of Afghanistan, both provincially and ethnically.”

The graduates were anxious to begin their new assignments, bringing in new recruits.

“Factions wanted to destroy our army and our country,” said ANA Col. Khalilullah from the Kapisa province, a 25-year veteran of the Afghanistan military. “That is why I became a recruiter, to build our army.”

Elections in Iraq key to stability, Rumsfeld says

Jim Garramone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Time will tell, but 18 months before Oct. 9, no one gave the Afghan elections much of a chance, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld during an American Forces Press Service interview Tuesday.

Rumsfeld said the Iraqi election in January to choose people to write the country’s new constitution is important to the Iraqi people. “People will find they have a stake in the country,” the secretary said. The election will show the Iraqi people they can have a voice in their government — a luxury they have not had in more than 30 years, the secretary noted.

“That will add a great deal to stability in the country and create a more peaceful environment in the country,” he said.

The elections in Afghanistan were supervised by the United Nations. Millions of Afghans turned out and chose Hamid Kharzai as the country’s first elected president.

American and Iraqi forces are now moving into Fallujah. Officials in Iraq said that ending the insurgency in Fallujah — which officials characterize as the center of terrorist activity in Iraq — will go a long way to securing the nation. The Iraqi military is playing a prominent part in Operation Al Fajr, an Iraqi term meaning “Dawn.”

As the Iraqi security forces train up and take over more of the mission in the nation, there will be fewer coalition forces needed in the nation, Rumsfeld said. “I think of the wonderful work being done by the men and women in uniform from the United States and 30 other nations,” he said. “I think of the courage being demonstrated every day by the Iraqi security forces and the police and the border

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Hon. Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

guards and the army. These folks are putting their lives at risk for their country. They have lost hundreds, yet others continue to sign up.

There will be 120,000 members of the Iraqi security forces trained and equipped by the end of the year, the secretary said. “As we keep adding Iraqi troops, we will most likely reduce the number of (U.S.) troops in the country,” he said.

Leadership, though, is just as important as boots on the ground. Members of the Iraqi ministries are being trained, and they are receiving operational experience, Rumsfeld said, and should become more expert in dealing with the terrorist threat. He said that once elections take place and the terrorist problem is reduced, fewer American service-members should be needed. “Is that a prediction? No,” he said. “The facts on the ground determine (the number of troops in Iraq).”

Rumsfeld reiterated President Bush’s statement that the United States will stay in Iraq as long as it is needed, “and not one day more.” He also spoke about some of the invective that came out during the recent U.S. presiden-

tial election. He said it was the first time in U.S. history when an election was held in the middle of a war and people around the world - even those in the combat zone - had unfettered access to news 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He said the country as a whole survived the experience with good grace.

“We’ve had tough elections in the past,” Rumsfeld said. “George Washington was attacked for his leadership during the Revolutionary War.” Abraham Lincoln went through a very tough re-election campaign at the height of the Civil War in 1864. Opponents attacked Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration for its conduct of World War II. “We survived all that,” he said.

“It’s a tribute to the American people that they have a great center of gravity,” the secretary said. “They are able to hear all of this and they are able to sift it and sort it and synthesize it and make judgments and not get blown off course because of the extreme language that was used.

“But I must confess that a lot of it really hurt for me to think of those folks affected,” he continued. “I was out at Walter Reed (Army Medical Center) yesterday, visiting those folks that were wounded and have amputated limbs. You can’t help but feel sick hearing someone saying something that diminishes what they did, because what they did ought to be praised, and the country is deeply in their debt.”

Rumsfeld said some of the denigration of coalition allies was hurtful, also.

The secretary said that in the weeks and months to come, DoD will concentrate on the war on terror, but also the Quadrennial Defense Review and the Base Realignment and Closure process.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Staff Sgt., 35-year-old female, Div. Sup. Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, separate unit.
• **Charges:** Reckless driving, speeding 63/40, driving while license suspended, driving on post suspension
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
• **Charge:** Driving while license sus-pended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old female, Div. Sup. Bde.
• **Charge:** Assault consummated with a battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
• **Charges:** Possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug related items
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate unit
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of mari-juana, wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, drunk and disorderly
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 31-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Assault with a dangerous weapon, failure to obey order/regula-tion, drunk and disorderly
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, underage drinking, racing on highways or streets
• **Location:** Garden City



• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate unit
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Div. Sup. Bde.
• **Charges:** Carrying a concealed weapon, unlawful possession of con-cealed weapon, underage drinking, cre-ating noise disturbance, driving with suspended or revoked license, no proof of insurance, expired decal, open con-tainer
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Corporal, 28-year-old male, 4th. Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license sus-pended, laying drag
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license sus-pended, failure to obey traffic control device
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Fires. Bde.
• **Charge:** Reckless driving
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** 2nd Lieutenant, 25-year-old male, 3rd Bde.
• **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Resisting apprehension, assault consummated by a battery, impersonating an NCO, underage drinking, obstruction of justice
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Underage drinking, altering of military identification card
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde
• **Charges:** Wrongful possession of mar-ijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 29-year-old male, 1st. Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving while license sus-pended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license sus-pended, speeding 73/55
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Battery, criminal trespassing
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
• **Charge:** Simple battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 35-year-old male,

Fires Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving while license sus-pended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 27-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Eluding a police officer, fail-ure to stop at a posted stop sign
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Deposit account fraud, fail-ure to appear
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, separate unit
• **Charge:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate unit
• **Charge:** Failure to yield right of way
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts-martial or general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Pfc. Hoyt G. Fleming, Service Battery, 1/9 FA, Fort Stewart, Ga. On Nov. 4, Fleming pled not guilty and was acquitted of all charges and specifications by a military panel.
United States v. Sgt. Douglas Keeton, FSC, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, Fort Stewart, Ga. On Nov. 5, the military judge found Keeton guilty of conspiracy to commit lar-ceny, wrongful disposition of mili-tary property, and larceny for steal-ing MREs and other military items. The military judge sentenced Keeton to: be confined for 6 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

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Stewart

Special Olympic Games
Volunteers are needed for the 2004 Winter games at Marne and Stewart Lanes, Dec. 3. Any assistance is welcomed and rewarding.

AKO Account
The advantage of using AKO, to communicate with your spouse and loved ones, over the other sites such as Yahoo and MSN, is that AKO is a secure site. Your Email and IM are protected and can not be compromised as they can be with Yahoo and MSN. With the current state of upcoming installation deployments, everyone needs to be vigilant in the content of information they send out through Emails and IM. That is why AKO should be your only means of communicating with your loved ones now and while you are deployed.

By sponsoring your spouse and loved ones with an AKO account, your communications back and forth will always be kept secure and confidential. A simple step by step Power Point presentation can be located on the Ft. Stewart Internet in the New Items section <https://intranet.stewart.army.mil/default2.htm> or <https://intranet.stewart.army.mil/doim/businessdivision/AKOGuestPresentation2004.ppt>

Retirement ceremony
The monthly retirement ceremony is Nov. 18. There will be no ceremony in Dec. For more information, call 767-5851/8799.

Newman Fitness Center
The facility will be closed Nov. 29, for renovation and will remain closed until completed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Network Outage Alert
On Friday, the DOIM will be satisfying one of our mandatory requirements. We will be conducting our annual Halon Test from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. During this time network connectivity will be lost. In consideration of our users, we've attempted to make the test as unintrusive as possible. To do this we've selected hours and a test day when historically, network utilization is low. Friday is a Training Holiday so affected users should be minimal.

Brunch with Santa
A holiday brunch and bazaar with Santa is planned Nov. 21 at Club Stewart. For more information, call 368-2212.

Indebtedness claim
Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Pfc. David E. Cromwell, Jr., D Co., 1/3 Avn. Regt., Attack Helicopter Bn., contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Campbell at 912-429-7780 or 912-228-0554.

Resume Workshop
A resume writing workshop is scheduled for Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. in the ACS Bldg. 253. For more information, call 767-5058.

Hunter

Soldier/Family Day With God
The Catholic communities of Fort Stewart and Hunter are sponsoring this event Sunday. Mass will be at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah, social gathering for singles and couples following mass, a youth ministry event for teens, and activities for children all in the DeSoto Hilton.

At 6 p.m. there is a candle light prayer service in Madison Square to conclude the event.

5K Walk/Run
The 1st Annual Hunter Turkey Trot 5K Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. at Hanger 7901 (located on N. Lightning Rd. next to the Coast Guard Air Station). Packet pick-up and registration will begin Friday, Nov. 19, at the 2-3 Aviation Battalion Headquarters (FRG Conference Room) from 4 to 7 p.m., or register early online at www.active.com. Cost is \$15 prior to Nov. 19, \$20 on Race Day.

Holiday Bazaar
The 1st Annual Hunter Thrift Shop Holiday Bazaar is scheduled to be held next to the Thrift Shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Private vendors, arts and crafts, gifts, and more will be available. For more information, please call the Thrift Shop at 352-0376.

Road Closure
Due to the installation of a new sewer line, the intersections of Gannam Avenue and South

Perimeter Road (near the youth sports fields) and Gannam Avenue between Farie Drive and Oliver Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic until Dec. 10. During these dates, motorists may access Wilson Acres Housing Area by the side street off Wilson Boulevard in the vicinity of the Wilson Gate.

Trip to Jacksonville Zoo
A trip to the Jacksonville Zoo is scheduled for Saturday. The bus departs from Fort Stewart Leisure Activities and HAAF Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. Transportation coupons are available for deploying military families. There are two packages available:

- Zoo admission, train tickets, picnic lunch. Price: Adults \$36, children \$30
- Zoo admission, transportation and you take care of the rest. Price: Adults \$24.50, children \$21

Call 767-2841 or 352-5722 for more information. Seats are limited.

Christmas Toy Drive
The Hunter Commissary is conducting a Toy Drive now through Dec. 18 to collect toys to be distributed to needy military families based at Hunter. The commissary is asking for new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-12. Contact Marcus McDonald or Linda Harrington at 352-5007/5711 for more information.

Winn /Tuttle

Update DEERS
Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. Winn and Tuttle use DEERS information to contact you regarding referrals and appointments. DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting: www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm or stopping by building 253.

TRICARE Phone Numbers
For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 1-877-217-7946. If you have questions about TRICARE, you can call TRICARE at 1-800-444-5445 or the Health Benefits Office at 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Third Party Insurance
Individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721. Individuals with private health insurance should contact the Third Party Insurance Office at Winn upon receipt of their unique member identification numbers (policy numbers.) Call the Third Party Insurance Office at 370-6037/6947 for more information.

Tobacco Cessation Classes
You must take the "Ready to

Quit" class before you can take the Tobacco Use Cessation class. The "Ready to Quit" class is available 11 a.m. Nov. 24 on a walk-in basis. The Tobacco Use Cessation class at Winn will be held 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from Dec. 9 to 30. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from Dec. 7 to 28. The class will help you kick the habit, whether smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Full Service PX Pharmacy
The full service Satellite PX Pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

PX Pharmacy
The PX Satellite Pharmacy is now open for full service business. Patients may fill new prescriptions and refill prescriptions here 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ER Remodeling
The Emergency Department will have minor disruption for remodeling. All emergencies and urgent care patients should still report to the ER. Non-emergency patients are encouraged to schedule appointments with their primary care manager. Appointments, including same-day appointments, may be scheduled by calling 370-6633.

Marne TV

November 2004 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday. Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. MARNE REPORT
6:30 a.m. Air Force News
7 a.m. Navy News
7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. MARNE REPORT
9 a.m. Air Force News
9:30 a.m. Navy News
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon MARNE REPORT

1 p.m. Air Force News
4:30 p.m. Navy News
5 p.m. MARNE REPORT
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Air Force News
7 p.m. Navy News
10 p.m. MARNE REPORT
11 p.m. Army Newswatch
MidnightMARNE REPORT

MOWW Massing of the Colors

The Savannah chapter of the Military Order of World Wars has scheduled their annual Massing of the Colors ceremony for Nov. 14 at Southside Baptist Church at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend this ceremony, whose purpose is to honor military veterans. For more information contact Col. (Ret.) Jack Marvin at 598-0082

Walk-in Clinic Vaccines Only!!

The Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic has scheduled a walk-in clinic for Saturday, Nov. 20, 8 to 10 a.m.

This is a first come, first serve basis, so please be patient.

For everyone's safety, cats MUST be in a carrier and dogs MUST be on a leash.

For more information call 767-4194/2842